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SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT TREND REMAINS UPWARD BUT UNEMPLOYED
SCHOOL LEAVER TOTAL DECLINES

SUMMARY - LATEST STATISTICS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT (DE) SHOW THAT BETWEEN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER
THE TREND OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE UK, BASED ON THE SEASON-
ALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL EXCLUDING SCHOOL-LEAVERS AND ADULT
STUDENTS, CONTINUED UPWARDS WHILE THE NUMBER OF JOBS
AVAILABLE AGAIN DECLINED. THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL
INCREASED BY 36,800 TO 1,125,300 OR 4.8 PERCENT OF THE
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LABOR FORCE. HOWEVER, TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE UK, BE-

FORE SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND INCLUDING SCHOOL-LEAVERS AND ADULT STUDENTQ, INCREASED BY ONLY 3,487 TO 1,168,891 OR 5.0 PERCENT. THIS LOW LEVEL OF INCREASE WAS DUE PRIMARILY TO A FURTHER DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED SCHOOL-LEAVERS FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPECIAL RECRUITMENT SUBSIDY FOR SCHOOL-LEAVERS ON OCTOBER 13. END SUMMARY

1. IN GREAT BRITAIN, WHICH EXCLUDES NORTHERN IRELAND, TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED OVER THE MONTH TO NOVEMBER 13 BY 5,919 TM 1,120,137 OR 4.9 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE. A BREAKDOWN OF THE TOTAL SHOWS THAT 897,000 HAD BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR OVER FOUR WEEKS AND 223,000 FOR UNDER FOUR WEEKS COMPARED WITH 836,000 AND 263,000 RESPECTIVELY LAST MONTH. THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED AGE ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT 121,000 WERE OVER SIXTY, AND WERE THEREFORE PROBABLY LESS LIKELY THAN AVERAGE TO FIND A JOB, COMPARED WITH 131,000 LAST MONTH.

2. AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND EXCLUDING SCHOOL-LEAVER AND ADULT STUDENTS, THE GREAT BRITAIN UNEMPLOYED TOTAL INCREASED BY 36,500 TO 1,079,300 OR 4.7 PERCENT. THIS INCREASE WAS BROADLY IN LINE WITH THAT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS, GIVING AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF ABOUT 37,000 A MONTH SINCE AUGUST. FIGURES MEASURING THE TOTAL FLOW OF PEOPLE ON TO AND OFF THE REGISTER, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, SHOW THAT IN OCTOBER 404,000 JOINED THE REGISTER WHILE 389,200 LEFT, AGAIN A PATTERN SIMILAR TO THAT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

3. A REGIONAL BREAKDOWN OF THE FIGURES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, SHOWS THAT THE GREATEST INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AGAIN OCCURRED IN THE SOUTHEAST BRINGING THE RATE TO 3.4 PERCENT COMPARED WITH 3.3 PERCENT LAST MONTH. HOWEVER, THE REGIONS WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT ARE STILL THE NORTHWEST (6.0 PERCENT), THE NORTH (6.4 PERCENT) WALES (6.5 PEPCENT) AND SCOTLAND (5.8 PERCENT).

4. THE NUMBER OF JOBS AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS DECREASED OVER THE MONTH TO NOVEMBER 7 BY 16,075 TO 113,349, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED WAS A FALL OF 8,900 TO 114,800. JOBS AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DECREASED BY 2,087 TO 23,517. REDUNDANCIES NOTIFIED TO THE DE IN OCTOBER TOTALLED 19,000 COMPARED UITH APPROXIMATELY 17,000 IN SEPTEMBER AND 13,900 IN OCTOBER 1974. THE JANUARY TO OCTOBER TOTAL OF 213,000 COMPAPES WITH 92,000 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THIS MONTH'S ESTIMATES OF SHORT-TIME WORKING SHOW THAT APPROXIMATELY 140,000 WORKERS WERE AFFECTED COMPARED WITH

135,000 IN OCTOBER.

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